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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 18489-28-1FC	FOR FURTHER ACTION as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US04/12601	International filing date (day/month/year) 22 April 2004 (22.04.2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 22 April 2003 (22.04.2003)
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This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐

With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. ☒ With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1.



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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no figure is to be published.

NEW ABSTRACT

A method of removing material from a blood flow lumen generally includes providing a device having a cutting element and an opening, advancing the device through the blood flow lumen to a site where material is to be removed, forcing the opening toward a wall of the site where material is to be removed, and moving the cutting element and the opening so that material in the blood flow lumen is cut by the cutting element and directed into the opening for removal as the cutting element and opening are moved through the blood flow lumen. In some embodiments, the device may be deflected or bent to force the opening toward a wall to remove material. The cutting element may be rotatable. In some embodiments, the cutting element is movable between retracted and deployed positions for advancing the device to a site for treatment and for removing material, respectively.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER IPC(7) : A61B 17/32 US CL : 606/159 According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC		
B. FIELDS SEARCHED Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols) U.S. : 606/159, 170, 180, 604/22, 600/104 Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)		
C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,634,464 (JANG et al.) 3 June 1997 (03.06.1997), column 3, lines 6-7; Fig. 11; Fig. 13.	1-6
X	US 5,372,601 (LARY) 13 December 1994 (13.12.1994), column 7 line 63 to column 8 line 3; Fig. 3; Fig. 6	7, 9, 15, and 16
X	US 6,473,226 B1 to (BELEF et al.) 5 November 2002 (05.11.2002); Fig. 24A; Fig. 24B; column 24 lines 46-57	25-28
X	US 4,966,604 (REISS) 30 October 1990 (30.10.1990), Figures 1-4; column 4 line 41	7-12 and 15-17
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